

Poverty Reduction – Highlights of Government Programs

Note: The following list is provided in order to raise awareness of Government of Saskatchewan programs and services that support people affected by poverty. Although this list includes programs where the province partners with Regional Health Authorities, School Divisions and other autonomous organizations funded by government, it is not exhaustive. It also does not include programs offered solely through these organizations.

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Housing

Program	Description	Target
Social Housing Rental Program	Offers government subsidized rental housing for people with low income. The program is based on priority of needs and the availability of housing units. Seniors, families with dependents, and individuals with disabilities are eligible for the program. Rent is based on a tenant's income -- the lower the income, the lower the rent.	People with low Income
Rental Development Program	Provides one-time capital funding and assists non-profit corporations, co-operative groups, municipalities, Aboriginal groups and the private sector to respond to community needs by developing affordable rental housing projects for people with low income. This program is particularly important for targeting Saskatchewan's hard-to-house population.	People with low income
Third-Party Housing Sponsors	<p>Social Housing: Provide funding to non-profit housing corporations and co-operatives whose purpose is to provide affordable modest rental housing for low-income seniors, families, and persons with disabilities. Assistance includes a yearly operational subsidy to offset the difference between break-even rental rates and rent based on 30% of household income.</p> <p>Affordable Housing: Provide ongoing operating funding to assist non-profit housing corporations and co-operatives to operate affordable rental housing projects for people with low to moderate incomes access modest rental housing.</p>	<p>People with low income</p> <p>People with low to moderate income</p>
Secondary Suite Program	Provides eligible homeowners and rental property owners up to 50 per cent of the construction costs. The maximum loan amounts are up to \$10,000 for the development of a suite in new construction, or up to \$30,000 for the development or renovation of a suite in an existing property, that will house low-income households.	People with low income
Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) Partnership	Supports Habitat for Humanity's efforts to provide affordable homeownership opportunities for Saskatchewan's low- to moderate-income families.	People with low to moderate income
Capital Rent Subsidy	Provides a forgivable loan of \$40,000 per unit to developers of new rental units to increase the supply of new units with a lower rent which are reduced by \$300 per month.	People with low income
Shelter Enhancement Program	Provides financial assistance to non-profits, Aboriginal groups, and charities for the purpose of constructing new or renovating existing emergency shelters and second-stage housing units.	Victims of family violence
Emergency Shelters	Ministry of Social Services pays for meals and accommodations at emergency shelters and/or uses local hotels in times of overflow.	People without a home

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Cold Weather Strategies	Community and government partners in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert, through the development of their respective cold weather strategies, have co-ordinated measures to support those who need shelter and lack the financial means to pay for their needs. These strategies ensure community services provide the best possible supports through enhanced co-ordination and communication.	People without a home
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Income Security

Income Support Programs

Program	Description	Target
Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP)	Basic income support for Saskatchewan families and individuals who, for various reasons, including disability, illness, low income or unemployment, cannot meet basic living costs.	People with low Income
Transitional Employment Allowance (TEA)	TEA provides financial support to people who are participating in pre-employment services or transitioning to a job.	People with low Income
Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability Program (SAID)	Provides an income for persons with significant and enduring disabilities.	People with low income who have significant and enduring disabilities

Income Supplements

Program	Description	Target
Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES)	SES is to help lower-income families with children. It is a monthly payment that adds to income from a job, farming, self-employment, or from child or spousal support. Families receiving SES automatically qualify for Family Health Benefits.	Low-income families with children
Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement (SRHS)	SRHS is a monthly benefit that assists families with children and people with disabilities with the cost of quality rental housing.	Low-to-moderate income families with children and people with disabilities

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Child Care Subsidy	Child care subsidy assists low-income parents to enter and remain in the workforce or in school by subsidizing the cost of licensed childcare services.	Low-income families with children
Seniors Income Plan	Monthly supplement provided to seniors who have little or no income other than the federal Old Age Security pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement.	Seniors with low income
Personal Care Home Benefit	Provides monthly financial assistance to low-income seniors living in a licensed personal care home.	Seniors with low income
Discounted Bus Pass Program	Provides a monthly bus pass at a reduced rate so that people in receipt of the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan (SAP), Transitional Employment Allowance (TEA), Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID), Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES) and Provincial Training Allowance (PTA) can participate more fully in their communities.	People with low Income

Tax Credits and Benefits		
Program	Description	Target
Saskatchewan Low Income Tax Credit	This credit reduces the taxes of Saskatchewan residents with lower income. The credit is fully refundable, meaning that a person does not have to pay income tax in order to receive the benefits. A recipient must file an income tax return as a resident of Saskatchewan and meet income and family criteria to be eligible for benefits.	People with low Income
Active Families Benefit (AFB)	Parents and legal guardians can claim a fully refundable tax benefit of up to \$150 per year per child for all children under 18 years of age enrolled in eligible activities. The AFB helps families with the costs of their children's participation in cultural, recreational, and sports activities.	Parents and legal guardians with children under 18 years of age
Federal and Provincial Disability Tax Credits	The Disability Tax Credit (DTC) is a federal non-refundable tax credit, which also includes a provincial supplement. DTC is given to taxpayers to greatly reduce the amount of income tax the individual with a disability has to pay. This may also apply to a person who is financially caring for an individual with a disability.	People with severe and prolonged disabilities.
Federal and Provincial Caregiver Related Tax Credits	If a taxpayer is the caregiver for a family member with a disability or illness, the tax payer can claim certain non-refundable tax credits, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount for an eligible dependant • Amount for infirm dependants age 18 or older • Caregiver amount • Family Caregiver Amount 	Family members who are caregivers

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Federal and Provincial Medical Expense Tax Credits	A taxpayer can claim a non-refundable tax credit for medical expenses paid by the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse or common-law partner. The claimable medical expenses include those paid for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse or common-law partner, or a child under 18 of the taxpayer or spouse, who is dependent on the taxpayer or spouse for support.	All taxpayers
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Education

Early Childhood Development		
Program	Description	Target
Early School Entrance	Provides educational programming for children identified with intensive needs who are three and four years of age. Early school entrance programming may consist of participation in a community-based preschool, playschool or childcare program and/or a blend of supports to meet the child's needs.	Children with intensive needs who are three or four years of age.
Early Learning and Child Care Program	Supports families and communities by promoting high quality care for children. The program licences and monitors child care centres and family child care homes ensuring families have access to reliable early learning and care resources that provide a healthy, safe and nurturing environment for children.	Families with children 6 weeks to 12 years of age.
Prekindergarten	Prekindergarten targets vulnerable children, three and four years old, in high-need communities. Prekindergarten is funded by the provincial government and delivered through school divisions. It is half time and includes family engagement.	Vulnerable children, three and four years old
Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP)	Is a province-wide network of community-based supports for families of children who experience developmental delays. Interventionists connect families to professionals and community supports to show parents how to enhance their child's development.	Families with children five years of age and under who experience developmental delays.
KidsFirst	KidsFirst is a voluntary program. It targets high risk families in nine targeted communities, delivering an evidence-based curriculum to enhance parenting skills and give vulnerable children the best start in life. The program enhances knowledge, provides support and builds on family strengths. Limited resources are also available in non-targeted communities.	Vulnerable families and their children under five years of age
Child Nutrition and Development Program	The program provides funding to community-based organizations and schools to develop food security initiatives such as collective kitchens, food box programs and school and community nutrition education programs.	Children in school and vulnerable families

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K-12 Education		
Program	Description	Target
First Nations and Métis Education Achievement Fund	Fund is for school divisions to assist in developing and implementing specific initiatives aimed at improving achievement and increasing high school completion rates for First Nations and Métis students.	First Nations and Métis students
Intensive Supports	Intensive supports promote the success of students who have learning needs that impact one or several areas of development and who require occasional or frequent supports to optimize their learning achievement.	Students with disabilities
Provincial programs for Hospitals, In Care and Custody	The Ministry of Education provides funding for the delivery of direct educational services to children and youth in hospitals, students of the province and youth transitioning out of a custody facility.	Vulnerable children and youth
Supports for Newcomers (Immigration File)	Assist newcomer students and their families to transition and integrate into the school community. In Saskatchewan schools, newcomer students receive English as an Additional Language supports to develop their language proficiency. Support is also available for students whose language of instruction is French. In partnership with the Ministry of the Economy, the Over-the-Phone Interpretation services is available to assist school divisions in communicating educational information to speakers with limited English when local interpreters are not available.	New immigrant families and children
Youth in Custody Education Model: Transforming Young Offender Education and Literacy	This initiative is a newly established partnership between Corrections and Policing, Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Education intended to develop and implement an evidence-based and best practice model for delivering quality education to youth who are in conflict with the law.	Youth offenders

Post-secondary Education		
Program	Description	Target
Student Financial Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada and Saskatchewan Student Loans and Grants 	The Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan work together to provide student loans, grants, or bursaries for post-secondary students contingent on income and other criteria. Funding includes targeted grants for low-income students and students with permanent disabilities, such as:	Post-secondary students from low income and middle income families; or post-secondary students with permanent disabilities.

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Saskatchewan Student Grant for Students from Low-Income Families

This grant provides about \$250 per month of study (\$58 per week) to low-income students enrolled in one year programs below the undergraduate level and to students enrolled in graduate and post-graduate programs.

Canada Student Grant for Students from Low-Income Families

This grant provides about \$250 per month of study (\$58 per week) to low-income students enrolled in a university undergraduate or college program that is at least two years (60 weeks) in duration.

Canada Student Grant for Students with Dependants

This grant provides about \$200 per month of study per child (\$47 per week of study per child) to low-income students with dependent children under 12 years of age, or over 12 years of age or over with a permanent disability.

Saskatchewan Student Grant for Low-Income Students with Dependent Children

This grant provides about \$200 per month of study per child (\$47 per week of study per child) to low-income students with dependent children between the ages of 12 and 18.

Canada Student Grant for Part-Time Students with Dependants

Part-time students with low incomes and up to two children under 12 years of age (or 12 years or older with a permanent disability) may be eligible for \$40 per week of study, up to a maximum of \$1,920, and those part-time students with three or more children may be eligible for \$60 per week of study up to a maximum of \$1,920.

Saskatchewan Student Bursary

This bursary is available to low- and middle-income students enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies in undergraduate or lower-level programs whose student loan assistance exceeds \$210 per week of study. The maximum bursary amount is \$140 per week of study.

Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities

Students with a permanent disability that restricts their physical or mental ability to perform daily activities necessary to participate fully in post-secondary studies or the work force, may be eligible for additional assistance.

- **Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities**

This grant provides \$2,000 per year to help cover living expenses, tuition, and books.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada/Saskatchewan Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Persons with Permanent Disabilities This grant provides up to \$10,000 per year for exceptional education-related costs such as tutors, note-takers, interpreters, brailers or technical aids. 	
Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship	This scholarship is for all new Saskatchewan grade 12 or General Education Development (GED) graduates who enrol in a provincial post-secondary institution.	Post-secondary students
Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Educational Savings (SAGES)	SAGES help Saskatchewan families save for their children’s post-secondary education. The Government of Saskatchewan will provide a grant of 10% on contributions made since January 1, 2013, into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) to a maximum of \$250 per child per year. The maximum lifetime SAGES grant is \$4,500 per child.	Families with children

Literacy and Upgrading		
Program	Description	Target
Provincial Training Allowance	PTA is an income-tested program that provides flat rates for living and daycare costs for low-income people participating in Adult Basic Education (ABE) and short term Skills Training programs funded by the provincial government (programs delivered on reserve are not eligible for PTA).	People with low income attending full time ABE or PTA eligible Skills Training programs
Adult Basic Education (ABE)	ABE is an umbrella term that refers to a wide range of services, credit, and non-credit programs designed to help adult learners achieve their goals. These may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing education and/or certifications levels; • gaining prerequisites for further training or employment; • enhancing life skills, independence and self-sufficiency; or • learning skills in specific areas (such as technological literacy, communications skills, or portfolio development). 	Adults without a grade 12 and adults upgrading their high school marks or needing education prerequisites in order to qualify for post-secondary or training programs
English as an Additional Language programming	Provincially – funded English as an Additional Language programs assist newcomers to Saskatchewan to learn the language skills to function in daily life. Language training programs are delivered by community-based organizations and Regional Colleges. The federal government funds language training programs for immigrants who are permanent residents.	New immigrants

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GED [®] prep and GED [®] testing	<p>The GED[®] program in Saskatchewan gives individuals, who have not graduated from high school, the opportunity to earn a high school equivalency diploma by writing the GED[®] tests.</p> <p>GED[®] Prep programs are available through CBO's and post-secondary institutions to provide an opportunity for learners to prepare academically to write the GED[®] test.</p>	Adults without a grade 12
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Employment and Skills Training

Skills Training		
Program	Description	Target
Skills and Trades Centres in Regina and Saskatoon	Industry driven training serving adults, including First Nation/Métis, immigrants and vulnerable youth who are returning to an educational environment to gain skills for jobs.	Young adults and those returning to education after leaving high school without completing a certificate who are wanting to better prepare themselves for work and careers.
Apprenticeship Training	The apprenticeship system provides apprentices with experiential education at the workplace and technical training in a classroom setting.	Workers in apprenticeable occupations.
Skills Training Allocation	Skills Training Allocation is intended to address the training needs of business and industry. Skills training programs are delivered by post-secondary institutions and are designed to lead to full-time sustainable employment in areas of greatest labour market demand.	Adults with training needs
SIIT Construction Careers and Industrial Career Centres	Provides First Nations and Métis people with entry level construction readiness programming and short skill programs	First Nations and Métis adults with training needs.
Canada-Saskatchewan Job Grant	Reimburses employers for two-thirds of the costs of training for employed or unemployed workers to a maximum of \$10,000 per trainee.	Employers and workers with and without jobs
Young Workers Readiness Certificate Program	The Young Workers Readiness Certificate Program increases awareness and understanding of what constitutes a safe, healthy, fair, cooperative, representative and productive workplace.	Youth

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Program	Description	Target
Workforce Development Program	This funding is for the provision of third party services for individuals with multiple barriers to employment.	Adults
Workforce Development for Persons with Disabilities (WFD-PD) Program	Provides funding to assist adults with disabilities to prepare for, secure and maintain employment. Support includes: training on the job; vocational and work assessments; psycho-educational assessments; job coaching; support for employers; and disability-related costs for a wide variety of post-secondary education and training programs. Program support is cost shared under the Federal-Provincial Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities.	Adults with disabilities
Can/Sask Labour Market Services	Employment services are available in 19 service points in the province. Staff are available to provide job seekers and employers information and assistance, including JobFirst and related services for those who rely on social assistance.	Job seekers and employers
Saskjobs.ca	The provincial job order system assists job seekers to find employment and employers to find workers. Available jobs can be heard over the telephone or through the internet.	Job seekers

Health

Drug Plan and Extended Benefits		
Program	Description	Target
Family Health Benefits	For low income working families, Family Health Benefits help cover the costs of children’s health services (drugs, dental, optical, chiropractic services, emergency ambulance and certain medical supplies) and health services for adult family members (ie: reduced drug deductible, chiropractic and optical services). To be eligible, the family must meet the standards of an income test and receive the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES) or the Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement (SRHS). Eligibility is determined by Ministry of Social Services.	Working families with low income
Children’s Drug Plan	Any prescription drug listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary or approved under Exception Drug Status will cost no more than \$20 per prescription for all children 14 years of age or under.	Children 14 years of age and under

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Seniors Drug Plan	Any prescription drug listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary or approved under Exception Drug Status will cost no more than \$20 per prescription for seniors, depending on their income. Individual seniors must apply and provide income tax information to determine eligibility.	Seniors with low income
Supplementary Health Benefits	In addition to universal health benefits, a range of health benefits are available for low-income working families who meet the standards of an income test or are receiving the SES or the SRHS. Family Health Benefits program helps pay for children’s health services (i.e., dental visits, eye exams and more), plus some services for adult family members.	Individuals on Social Assistance Seniors with low Income
Special Support Program	Special Support Program is an income-tested program that helps residents with high drug costs in relation to their income. Special Support will establish a deductible and/or a co-payment for prescription drugs on the Saskatchewan Formulary or approved under Exception Drug Status for each calendar year. Individuals or families must apply and submit income information. Families receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), Saskatchewan Income Plan (SIP) or Family Health Benefits may apply for this program. Seniors who have applied to the Seniors’ Drug Plan may also apply for Special Support. The senior will pay the lesser of the Special Support copayment or \$20 under Seniors’ Drug Plan.	People with low Income
Saskatchewan Aids for Independent Living (SAIL) program	The SAIL Program provides benefits that assist people with disabilities to achieve a more active and independent lifestyle and to assist people in the management of certain chronic health conditions.	People with disabilities

Health and Disability Support Programs

Program	Description	Target
Mental Health and Addictions	Includes programs for mental health, drug, alcohol and problem gambling issues.	All
Individualized Funding for home care	Individualized funding is designed to provide people with increased choice and flexibility in the way their needs are met through the home care program.	Individuals with assessed needs qualifying for home care

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Acquired Brain Injury Partnership Project	Is a partnership between Saskatchewan Health Saskatchewan and Government Insurance (SGI) to provide a coordinated and integrated continuum of community-based services for individuals with an acquired brain injury and their families. The project’s goal is to provide individual and family support to people with acquired brain injury so that they may live successfully in their communities with improved quality of life. There are currently 36 community-based programs that serve Saskatchewan residents.	People with acquired brain injuries
Autism Resources	Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) consultants screen for the possibility of ASD, refer for diagnosis and assessment, and facilitate the development and implementation of a support and/or treatment plan for individuals up to the age of 19 years.	Persons with ASD
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Support in Community	<p>FASD Prevention initiatives include: province-wide FASD awareness and prevention initiatives; the Youth Action for Prevention program; prevention initiatives targeting northern youth; three targeted FASD Prevention Programs in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert for pregnant high risk women.</p> <p>FASD Intervention services include: FASD diagnostic, assessment and intervention planning; family support program; mentorship services; life skills training and addition services; Cognitive Disability Strategy flexible funding for people with cognitive disabilities, including FASD; training for services providers.</p>	<p>Prevention programs – public; youth; northern youth; pregnant women at high risk for having a child with an FASD (until the child reaches two years of age)</p> <p>Support programs - persons with FASD and their families</p>
Therapies Services	Includes services for occupational and physical therapy along with audiology and hearing services, and speech and language pathology services.	Persons with illness and/or disabilities
Community Living Service Delivery	Community Living Service Delivery (CLSD) partners with community-based organizations (CBOs) and other service providers across the province to provide residential and day programs based on an individual’s support need, including: group homes, group living homes Supportive Living programs and Approved Private-Service Homes. CLSD also provides community case management services and Outreach and Prevention Services (OPS) and family respite for children with intellectual disabilities.	People with intellectual disabilities

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Community Capacity Building		
Program	Description	Target
Food Security Initiatives	Regional Health Authorities are working with partners to address food insecurity through a variety of initiatives, including for example community food assessments, development of food charters and strategies, planning/coordination of community programming (e.g., collective kitchens, good food boxes, community markets, and neighbourhood meal programs), etc.	All
Food Costing	A provincial intersectoral food costing task group that monitors food costs in Saskatchewan every three years. The task group is a collaboration between Regional Health Authorities, Community Based Organizations (e.g., REACH), Dietitians of Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada. Their report provides a benchmark for the cost of healthy eating and is used by individuals and organizations to budget for nutritious food, inform subsidies and food allowances, and guide policies and programs.	All

Support to Vulnerable Families

Children in Care and Vulnerable Families		
Program	Description	Target
Flexible Response Program Pilot	<p>Initiatives led by the Ministry under the Child Welfare Transformation Strategy support the Saskatchewan Child and Family Agenda's goal to help Keep Families Strong. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible Response Pilot: effective October 2013 the Ministry implemented a Flexible Response pilot in Saskatoon. This pilot was completed in October 2014. The formative evaluation is positive and informed the decision to expand this approach. Flexible Response provides alternative interventions and services to families to safely care for their child (ren) in contrast to a traditional child protection response and investigation. First Nations and Métis collaborate daily with the Ministry in this approach. Intensive In-Home Support programs offered through Community Based Organizations in three communities (Regina, Saskatoon, Yorkton) are intended to provide an intensive response to a family crisis to ensure the personal safety of children while allowing them to remain within their family home, or be placed with family, as opposed to coming into Ministry care. 	Vulnerable families at risk of child protection

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Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)	Provision of the Positive Parenting Program, or Triple P as it is more commonly known, is delivered by two First Nations Child and Family Services Agencies and three Family Resource Centres (located in Regina, Yorkton and Sandy Bay). Triple P focuses on enhancing the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents and reflects the Ministry's focus on keeping children safely at home with their families.	Vulnerable families with children
Youth in Transitions Program	Assists with transitioning youth out of private treatment facilities. The Youth Transitions Program uses a person-centred / family driven process with team-based planning that identifies client strengths and develops strategies to help clients meet and support their day-to-day needs in their communities. This program also provides a focus and intensity of planning for youth to ensure that young people receive the service for as long as needed but no longer.	Youth transition out of care

Justice and Corrections Services

Family Violence and Victims Services		
Program	Description	Target
Kate's Place	Provides safe, stable, harms-free, supportive housing for women participating in the Regina Drug Treatment Court.	Women participating in Regina Drug Treatment Court
Family Violence Outreach	Provides assistance to men, women and families living in violent or potentially violent circumstances.	Individuals and families at risk of violence
Transition Houses	Provide twenty-four hour, staffed emergency safe shelter and support for individual women and women with their accompanying children leaving circumstances of violence and abuse.	Women and children fleeing violence
Enhanced Residential Services	Provides safe shelter and support in Prince Albert and Saskatoon to individual women, and women with their accompanying children, who have issues beyond family violence including addictions, mental health concerns and homelessness.	People without a home
Sexual Assault Services	Direct supports for victims of sexual assault including twenty-four hour crisis telephone support, crisis counselling, support and accompanying individuals to medical, legal and social services appointments.	Victims of sexual assault

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Victims Compensation Program	Reimbursement to victims of violent crime for actual expenses; primarily for immediate expenses after the crime and during the criminal justice process.	Victims of violent crime
Victims Services Program	Delivers a range of programs and services to assist victims of crime after they have been victimized and throughout involvement in the criminal justice process.	Victims of crime

Justice Services

Program	Description	Target
Aboriginal Courtworker Program	Assists Aboriginal youth and adults appearing before the criminal courts or in family court, to help ensure they receive fair, just and culturally sensitive treatment, thus ensuring a more effective response to crime and child protection matters.	Aboriginal people accused of crime or involved in child protection matters
Maintenance enforcement	Collects child support for close to 10,000 families most of whom with very little resources and would have been subsidized by Social Services if payments were not collected.	Children and families
Family Law Information Centre	The Centre has self-help kits for applying for child support orders, and assists people in completing the kits.	Children and families
Victims Services	The compensation to victims for reasonable expenses resulting from criminal acts of personal violence (such as physical and/or sexual assault, murder, robbery and kidnapping).	Victims of crime
Regina Drug Treatment Court	A therapeutic court that addresses drug addiction as an underlying cause of criminal activity. A participant in the Court will enter an intensive treatment program that includes an interdisciplinary team of professionals.	Adults accused of a crime, who are drug dependent

Corrections and Alternative Measures

Program	Description	Target
Alternative Measures Program/ Youth Extrajudicial Sanctions	Alternative measures offer adults and youth accused of a criminal offence the opportunity to take responsibility for their behaviour and address the harm that has been committed.	Adults and youth accused of a criminal offence

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Northeast Initiative	<p>Safety concerns have been a persistent problem in Saskatchewan’s Northeast communities. The communities of Sandy Bay, Pelican Narrows and Deschambault Lake, SK were recently among the top ten highest crime rates in Canada. As such, these three areas will be targeted for initial interventions to help improve the quality of life in the Northeast. This will include finding new ways to work together across government and with our First Nation, Metis, and community partners to achieve meaningful change and better outcomes for the most vulnerable members of our society by working together to implement evidence based practices and programs</p> <p>A community safety planning process will be established with the highest need families prioritized. Support will be provided in the areas of parenting, mental health and additions, education and employment, and violence reduction.</p>	Families with complex needs in the Northeast
Serious Violent Offender (SVOs) Initiative	In partnership with prosecutions, the Canadian Mental Health Association–SK, probation and police (RCMP and Saskatoon Police Services) services are provided, in a targeted and integrated fashion, to SVOs in the community.	Serious Violent Offenders

Integrated Service Delivery and Social Innovation

Integrated Service Delivery		
Program	Description	Target
Saskatchewan Child and Family Agenda (SCFA)	<p>Saskatchewan Children and Family Agenda is a new, cross-government approach to address the complex issues facing Saskatchewan children, youth and families.</p> <p>The Cabinet Committee on Children and Youth was formed in December 2010 in response to the Saskatchewan Child Welfare Review Panel’s report and renamed the Child and Family Agenda in 2013 to refocus its efforts to respond to important issues facing Saskatchewan children, youth and families and to support the goals of the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth.</p> <p>The Cabinet Committee has tasked the seven member ministries of the Saskatchewan Child and Family Agenda with identifying initiatives to address each of these challenges, as well as establishing specific targets to track the progress of the initiatives.</p> <p>SCFA identifies funding and programs across several ministries that address the common problems facing children and their families at risk, such as lower education levels,</p>	Children, youth and families with complex issues

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	unemployment, mental health issues and substance abuse. This new, cross-government effort will allow for a comprehensive, targeted approach to these challenges.	
Regional Intersectoral Committees (RICS)	Provide inter-sectoral leadership and problem solving at the community/regional level. Some RICS, most notably Saskatoon, have identified poverty as a key priority for collaborative action. RICS predate the Hub/COR and alignment continues to develop.	Communities
Community Mobilization (HUB)	The Hub is an evidence-based model established in 12 communities across Saskatchewan to address the root causes of crime. The Hub is a multi-disciplinary group of front-line workers providing immediate intervention and response to situations of acutely elevated risk. A team of designated staff from community agencies and government ministries meets twice weekly to address specific situations and develops coordinated and targeted responses through the mobilization of resources. By coordinating the responses and acting with immediacy, there is a chance to intervene and assist those individuals/families who may be at risk (such as relapsing on an addiction, homelessness, re-offending, or being victimized) before it escalates.	Vulnerable families and individuals in crisis
Regional Newcomer Gateways	Regional Newcomer Gateways are welcome centres for newcomers arriving in Saskatchewan. These centres provide a host of services to support new immigrants in making informed decisions and taking independent action with regard to their settlement and integration. There are 11 Gateways throughout the province.	New Immigrants

Social Innovation		
Program	Description	Target
Hotspotting/Complex Family Unit	<p>Hotspotting approach is intended to provide better care to high-cost clients and reduce overall system cost by providing the right care in the right place to the right patients. This is a more holistic approach to problem solving than has been used in the past.</p> <p>The target audience of the Hotspotting project is a small group of individuals who account for a large fraction of the spending on health and social care services. Government is researching and piloting cross government Hotspotting initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Health Hotspotting pilot programs were launched in Saskatoon and Regina to identify and assist high-risk, high-use patients who repeatedly show up in emergency rooms and / or require hospitalization. This initiative will connect patients not well served by the current system with the appropriate services outside emergency rooms. Complex Needs Family - Government has established a multi-ministry Complex Family Unit 	People without a home / High Users of Crisis Services / Families with complex needs

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	<p>and is researching an initiative to work with families with complex needs. This unit was mandated by the Child and Family Cabinet Committee to design an intervention for Saskatchewan’s complex needs families. The intervention will support increased capacity for self-sufficiency while reducing pressure on public service programs.</p>	
Social Impact Bonds	<p>A social impact bond is a funding model where government identifies a specific social outcome it wants to achieve, attracts funds from private investors to support that outcome, and contracts to provide a return to investors when the outcome has been achieved. Private investors pay for the programming and government reimburses the investors for the services if and when they show improvements to client outcomes as defined and measured through a contract.</p> <p>Sweat Dreams, a new supported living home for at-risk single mothers that opened in Saskatoon in May 2014, was under the Social Impact Bonds funding model.</p>	Community-based organizations